

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Red Hat Society officially formed in April 1998 as the result of a few women deciding to greet middle age with verve, humor and elation, which has resulted in the development of an amazing quality of sisterhood; and,

Whereas, The Red Hat Ladies Gathering of Hartford, organized over a year and a half ago, took their mission a step further to help all South Dakota troops who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. The four missions are ongoing through the generosity of donations and will continue until all South Dakota troops are home again; and,

Whereas, Mission one is to collect and send supplies to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan - to date 310 boxes have been mailed; and,

Whereas, Mission two is to collect and send letters and cards to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan - to date 700 letters and cards have been mailed; and,

Whereas, Mission three is to collect and send supplies to all U.S. troops who are wounded and currently in Landsduhl, Germany; and,

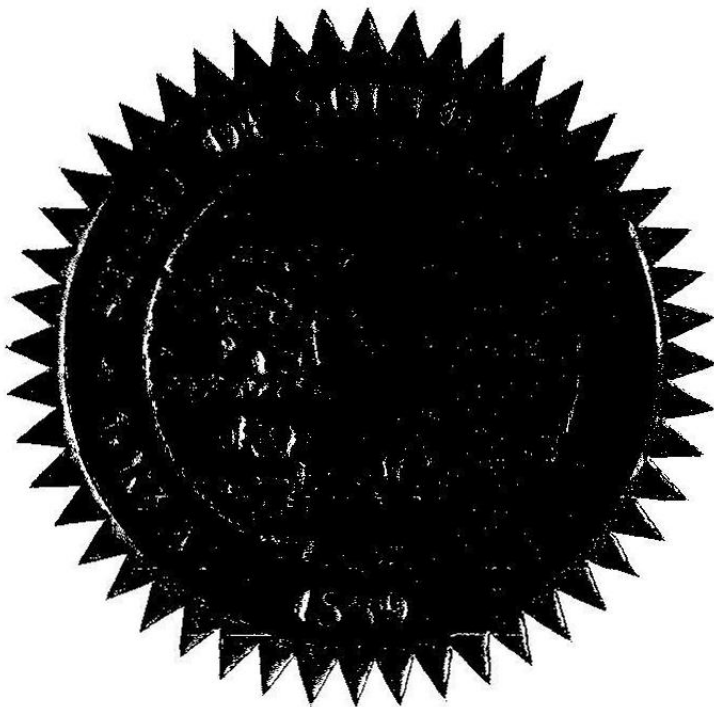
Whereas, Mission four is to support the national program, Linus Snuggle Blankets, which collects and distributes handmade blankets to military children who have family serving overseas - 100 snuggle blankets have been contributed; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize the members of the Red Hat Ladies Gathering of Hartford for their dedication to helping South Dakota military men, women and their families:

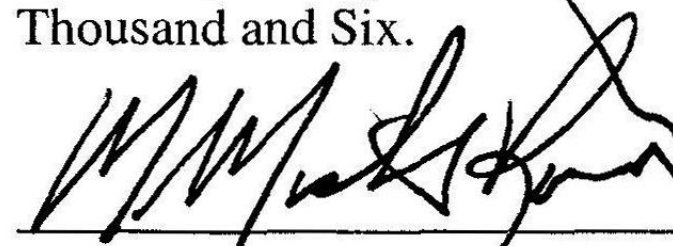
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2006, as

RED HAT LADIES GATHERING OF HARTFORD DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State